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Virginia Cities to be Heard in
Norfolk and Western Suit at
Raleigh To-Day.

MANY WITNESSES TO APPEAR

Chamber of Commerce Sends Its
Traffic Manager—To Ex-
plain Our Attitude.

What is regarded as the most important rate hearing in recent years, so far as Virginia is concerned, will begin at Raleigh, N. C., before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Clements to-day. The Corporation Commission of North Carolina is endeavoring to force a reduction in freight rates from Western points to Winston-Salem and Durham, located on branch lines of the Norfolk and Western Railway. That company has been named as defendant.

Although they are not actual parties to the suit, certain Virginia cities, Richmond included, asked leave to file a brief with the National Commission setting forth the reasons why the Virginia tariff should not be indirectly discriminated against. The point has been made clear all along, however, that the Virginia cities are not attempting to perpetuate discrimination against Winston-Salem and Durham. They contend, for instance, that inasmuch as Richmond and Norfolk have competition they are entitled to a lower tariff than inland towns.

Would Cut Our Trade.
In the event that the Interstate Commerce Commission should order a reduction in the rate, other North Carolina towns would demand the same concessions from the roads on which they feed, the inevitable result being that the North Carolina jobber would have an advantage calculated to deprive Richmond of its natural possibility of trading in that State.

Mr. E. S. Goodman, traffic manager of the Chamber of Commerce, went to Raleigh yesterday afternoon to be present at the hearing. It is probable that he may be put on the witness stand, and with the evidence which the Norfolk and Western will desire to present there will probably be another session to-morrow. Commissioner Clements left Washington yesterday.

CAN'T HEAR FROM PARENTS

English Boy, Too Weak to Work, Is
Without Funds.

Young Arthur Gilbert Woodward, of Market, England, whose parents are thinking that he was lost, wrote Major Werner some days ago, is now in his recovery from the effects of typhoid fever. Although Woodward is able to be out and walk around the street, he is as yet too weak to work. He called to see the chief yesterday, and said that he had written to his parents four times lately, but had not heard from them. Major Werner has also written them, telling of their son's whereabouts. The young man, being anxious to communicate with them, has written to the chief yesterday. Both he and Major Werner wrote again yesterday.

FIGHTS EXTRADITION

Discol, Alleged Baggage Thief, Resisting
Efforts to Bring Him Back to Virginia.

Harry Discol, said to be a member of the gang of baggage thieves, two of whom are in the penitentiary here, has been identified in Chicago by witnesses who saw him in Virginia at the time the baggage was stolen from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. Discol is fighting extradition, but Detective L. L. Scherer, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, who has been sent to Chicago for him, expects to start to Virginia with him to-day.

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HENRY WARD TO FIGHT FUND GRAB

Not Satisfied with Division of
Appropriation According to
Ward Lines.

GEORGE E. WISE A CANDIDATE

Hobson Without Opposition in
Race for Upper Branch—Talk
of Joint Debate.

George E. Wise announced yesterday that he would be a candidate for the Common Council from Henry Ward. There are six aspirants for the honor, and only five places to be filled, which means that one of the six will be left at home. It seems to be generally expected that Councilman Cliff Weil will not stand for re-election. Councilman Graham B. Hobson has switched over to the race for the Board of Aldermen. Thus far he has no opposition. Henry Ward candidates for the lower branch are R. Lee Peters, Hunsdon Cary, Harry Huter, George E. Wise, A. S. Buford, Jr., and Kirkwood Mitchell.

Other Candidates Active.
In the other wards the candidates are doing their best to stir up a little enthusiasm, but without much hope of success. Over in Marshall they are still trying to raise Lester Street. Henry they are protesting against the action of the Street Committee in dividing the spoils without giving Henry a square deal. There is a similar echo from Monroe. The street fund question is a live issue. It shows that ward lines are considered ahead of the fare of the public, and a strong argument for changing the old conditions.

Mayor McCarthy is still confined to his home, which means that there may not be a joint debate for a few weeks at least. When the Mayor is able to attend the public hearing, the Richardson will be there to meet him in dignified debate.

ODD-FELLOWS CELEBRATE

Excellent Address Delivered Before Aurora
Lodge by Judge Martin Williams.

The reception given by Aurora Lodge, Odd-Fellows, in their rooms at Fraternity Hall, No. 215 West Broad Street, was largely attended, both by members of that lodge and other city lodges. The principal address of the evening was delivered by Judge Martin Williams, who spoke for an hour from a paper on "The Influence of the Odd-Fellows on the Community." Judge Williams spoke at some length upon the good accomplished by the order, going back in its history to 1819, at which time the first lodge was established in this country at Baltimore, Md., with only five members, and coming up to the present time when the order has spread to almost every hamlet in the United States, spending thousands of dollars upon charity every year.

He showed that the Odd-Fellows were the first order in the United States that prohibited barterers from becoming members, and in this connection he claimed that the great temperance cause had been largely due to the good influence of the organization.

Judge Williams was listened to with the closest attention by those present, and was frequently applauded. Other members of the Legislature, including Mr. Hill, Montague, of Richmond, briefly addressed the meeting.

Appropriate music was furnished during the interludes.

15,174 PUPILS IN SCHOOLS

Revised Roll Shows 88.2 Per Cent. Attendance
at Richmond Schools.

Quarantine on German measles was reduced from twenty-two days to five days by the City School Board last night. Owing to the prevalence of this disease in Richmond, the board held that five days after the complete recovery of the patient was sufficient time to require the child to stay away from school, and the quarantine rules of the board were so amended.

The report of Superintendent William F. Fox showed a total enrollment in the public schools of Richmond, white and colored, of 15,174 pupils, with an attendance for the month ending February 29th of 88.2 per cent. considered in view of the record of certain children's diseases and of colds and grip, to be a remarkable record for the schools to make in a winter month.

To fill the vacancy, occasioned by the resignation of Miss Julia H. Eggleston, Miss Mary P. Chappell was elected a regular teacher, and assigned to duty at West End School. Payrolls and bills for the month were approved.

There were present at the meeting Mr. Charles Hutzler (chairman), F. C. Ebel (vice-chairman), Dr. M. D. Hoge, Jr., E. D. Childs, J. C. Clark, William P. Fox, superintendent, Albert H. Hill, assistant superintendent, and C. P. Walford, clerk and supervisor.

To Be Hung To-Day.
Governor Swanson yesterday declined to commute the sentence of Walter Ripley, of the first time yesterday, paying a visit to the city for criminal assault.

Drunk and Dressed Up.
Well dressed and respectable looking, but heavily drunk, a man, who had all the assistance he could get from the officer who escorted him into the Second Police Station last night. Fortunately for him, Walker was pushed by a policeman, who took charge and loaded him into the auto before his shining raiment suffered materially from the jag.

FELL ON HIS HEAD

Negro Dropped From Second Story, But
Escaped Death.

A small thing like falling on one's head from a second story window does not, apparently, make much difference with a man whose cranium is as durable as that of Willie Williams, who was precipitated to the sidewalk from the second story of the building at the corner of Main and Third streets yesterday morning, while fleeing from a policeman. Williams, more dead than alive, was taken to the City Home. His soon, however, showed signs of recuperation, and will probably live to play many another game of "skin."

His Buddy, the man who rents the place, was before the Police Court yesterday morning, charged with permitting a gambling game to be run on his premises. Williams, who had been in the game and had said that he had no knowledge of the doings of his friends, so the case was dismissed.

AWARD CONTRACT

W. A. Chesterman Expected to Have Branch
Public Bldg. Ready by July.

W. A. Chesterman has been awarded the contract for the construction of the new branch public building at the corner of Main and Third streets. The work will be commenced at once, and the building is expected to be ready by July or August. The cost of the structure will be over \$20,000, which is a good deal more than the cost of the building at the corner of Main and Third streets, which is a good deal more than the cost of the building at the corner of Main and Third streets.

Who Owns the Wheel?
Policeman Wiley yesterday afternoon chanced upon a very disreputable young colored boy in possession of a very proper looking bicycle. The youngster, who was riding the bicycle, was asked to show his property. The boy, who was riding the bicycle, was asked to show his property. The boy, who was riding the bicycle, was asked to show his property.

Wayward line of talk didn't convince the police officer, so the policeman walked away with Mr. Wiley, and the bicycle was taken to the Second Station. It may be recovered by its rightful owner.

The Days Are Slipping By---

and if you intend taking advantage of the reduced prices on our Men's and Boys' last season's Spring and Summer Suits do so to-day or to-morrow.

\$10.50 for Suits that sold up to \$25.00

\$ 8.25 for Suits that sold up to \$18.00

\$ 3.65 for Boys' Suits that sold up to \$ 6.00

\$ 4.65 for Boys' Suits that sold up to \$ 7.50

Gans-Rady Company

OLD WOMAN CRUSHED BY HORSES IN STREET

Mrs. Keith Knocked Down at Seventh and Broad and
Suffers Painful Injuries—Clearly an Accident
and No Arrests Are Made.

Hesitating a moment as to which way to turn when she saw the approach of a carriage and pair, Mrs. Mollie Keith, of No. 221 East Marshall Street, stepped forward, instead of backward, and was knocked down by one of the horses and run over by the other yesterday evening. The carriage was stopped immediately and several people rushed forward to pick up the woman. Though severely bruised and knocked about, Mrs. Keith was still conscious. She was lifted to the sidewalk and a hurry call was made for a physician. Mrs. Young and Hinchman responded, and Mrs. Keith was taken to her home and afterwards, though against her will, to the Sheltering Arms Hospital.

Mrs. M. Rosenbloom, of No. 109 West Clay Street, was in the carriage, on her way home, when the accident hap-

pened. Just as Cary Braxton, the driver, turned the horses into Seventh Street from Broad, Mrs. Keith stepped in front of them, and before Braxton could pull up had fallen under the wheels. Mrs. Rosenbloom immediately got out and gave every aid possible. She will be cared for until recovery by Mrs. Rosenbloom.

Many people witnessed the mishap, and all declared that it was purely an accident. Satisfied as to this, Policeman Krenge made no arrest.

Mrs. Keith is a widow without child or child, and lives with Mrs. M. S. Lohmeyer, No. 221 East Marshall Street. She was born in Canada, but has been in this country about forty years. Besides a bad gash in the head, Mrs. Keith sustained three broken ribs. Dr. Hinchman stated last night that he thought she would recover.

BANKERS TO HEAR FOWLER TO-NIGHT

Author of Currency Bill to Speak
at Banquet of Richmond
Chapter.

Accompanied by his wife, Representative C. N. Fowler, of New Jersey, will arrive in the city this afternoon to address the Richmond Chapter of the American Institute of Banking at its banquet at the Jefferson Hotel to-night. He will discuss the good features of the Fowler currency bill. For years he has made a study of currency, and is regarded as the financial expert of the lower branch of Congress.

The banquet will be an elaborate affair. A number of bankers from other cities will be here as guests of the local chapter, several being expected from New York and Washington. Mr. W. M. Addison, cashier of the National Bank of Virginia, will be toastmaster.

The speakers other than Mr. Fowler will be: Mr. Henry L. Cabell, of "Banking as a Profession for Young Men"; Hon. Andrew Jackson Montague, "The South"; Mr. John Garland Pollard, "The Paramount Issue."

Covers will be laid for 265 guests and members of the American Institute of Banking. Mr. Joseph G. Brown, president of the Citizens' National Bank, of Raleigh, N. C., President Cardwell Hardy, of the Norfolk National Bank; Cashier H. W. Williamsburg; Cashier Peyton Pollard, of the Bank of Petersburg, and others.

MR. MARKHAM MAY RUN

Delegate From Portsmouth Likely to Enter
Race for Congress.

"Unless the political atmosphere is cleared in Portsmouth and Norfolk very soon I will become a candidate for Congress from that district, and from the outlook I believe I can win," said Delegate Claude N. Markham, of Portsmouth, yesterday.

Mr. Markham, who is concluding his first term in the Legislature, recently received a copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen of Portsmouth, thanking him for his faithful, efficient and conscientious service during the present term of the Assembly. He has also been spoken of as a candidate for Mayor of Portsmouth, but he has refused from running, thinking that he might yet announce his candidacy for Congress.

Two Governors Meet.

Mrs. James N. Gillette, wife of the Governor of California, who has been ill at the Jefferson Hotel, is slightly improved, and Governor Gillette left her bedside for the first time yesterday, paying a visit to Governor Swanson at the executive office. He also visited points of interest around the city.

SHARPEN SWORDS FOR NEXT BATTLE

Fifth Street Baptist Church Still
Wrangling Over Election
of Pastor.

Notwithstanding statements to the contrary, it is said that there may be trouble at the Fifth Street African Baptist Church next Monday night, when the question of electing a pastor is taken up. Since the defeat of the Rev. Edwards in July last the question of electing his successor has proved to be a great problem, but no until recently has the situation become so alarming.

At the last regular meeting of the church a majority of the female members expressed themselves as favorable to the former pastor, the Rev. Dr. Graham. This at once brought forth a storm of disapproval on the part of a majority of the males. Complying to the petition circulated by those favorable to the Rev. Graham, the deacons have announced a meeting next Monday night, at which time this question will be considered. Meanwhile it is said that both sides are whetting up their swords and will be on hand prepared to push the battle to the gates.

REWARD FOR MURDERER

Strong Effort Being Made to Capture Slayer
of John T. Wood.

Governor Swanson offered a reward of \$100 yesterday for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who murdered John T. Wood, of Nottabush, Lunenburg county, last Monday night. Mr. S. H. Love, the detective from Lunenburg county, was instrumental in getting the Governor to offer the reward.

Mr. Wood, who was a young man of excellent reputation, was hit in the head with an ax in his store, which was afterwards set on fire to hide the crime, but the father of the young man seeing the flames rushing into the burning building, and at the risk of his own life saved the body.

Every effort will be made by the officials of the county to capture the person or persons who murdered John T. Wood. It is expected that the county will also offer a reward, which will be accepted by an amount offered by the citizens.

Stabbed Office Boy.

Caspar Deady, office boy for the Evening Journal, was stabbed in the back by an unknown negro yesterday afternoon, but was not badly injured. The negro escaped. It was said by some of the witnesses that the cutting was accidental.

Got Out and Sixty Days.

Eddie Williams (colored), who has been in several other names, which he uses for his own purposes, was given sixty days yesterday, morning in the Police Court for the theft of a coat and five car tickets from George Carter. The outfit, tickets and all, was valued at \$5.

WILL NOT CRIPPLE INSANE ASYLUMS

Failure to Provide Appropriation
in Lieu of Fees Offset by
Other Increases.

SENATE REFERS MESSAGE

Because of Established Rule, No
Action Could be Taken to
Increase Fund.

Senator Kezell, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, was of the opinion last night that the danger of crippling the work of the State asylums for the insane, through the passage of the bill which cuts off their fees from pay patients, had been greatly exaggerated. The Rockingham Senator said that all of the insane asylums had received large increases on their general funds this year, and that while it had no doubt been the intention of the Legislature to provide in the appropriation act for an additional sum to take the place of the abolished fees, still the institutions could get along very well with their increased amounts, and if there was any small deficit it could be made good by the next Legislature.

The institutions get from \$100,000 to a \$135,000 each for support under the appropriation bill just passed, and no institution will lose in fees as much as \$5,000, while two of them have never received as much as \$3,000 in one year from fees of pay patients.

The following increases were given in the appropriation bill of this year over the bill of 1906:

To Eastern Hospital, \$20,000; to Western Hospital, \$21,500; to Southern Hospital, \$22,000.

It will readily be seen that even though the Legislature inadvertently omitted to give them an allowance in lieu of the abolished fees, the institutions will not be justified in denying admittance to patients, as has been suggested.

Governor's Message.

The possibility of a shortage in the funds of the State asylums for the insane was called to the attention of the Senate yesterday morning by a message from Governor Swanson, calling attention to an act passed by this Legislature abolishing certain fees of pay patients at the Western, Eastern and Southwestern State Hospitals. On account of the passage of this act, the Governor stated that these institutions would face a deficit of from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each, and he therefore recommended an additional appropriation.

Senator Echols favored immediate action on the message, saying that the present appropriation was barely sufficient to support these institutions. Lieutenant-Governor Elyson read the joint resolution under which both houses were working, and ruled that it would be necessary to rescind this joint resolution in order to make an appropriation for, in fact, the rescinded action on matters relating to the Blackstone affair.

Senator Kezell said that the loss in fees to the three institutions would be from \$12,000 to \$15,000 in all, and stated that while he regretted the inadvertent action taken in cutting off this source of income without providing any other substitute, the institutions had received large increases this year. "Should they come in next session with an over-drawn balance sheet the facts would be understood, and we could make good the deficit at the next General Assembly. Should we let down the barrier by taking this matter up there will be no end of trouble."

The Governor's message was referred to the Finance Committee, the whole trend of the discussion showing that there was no probability of this session taking up other business that growing out of the Blackstone affair.

WILL NOT RESIGN

Mr. Heater Has No Intention of Leaving
Board of Agriculture.

As far as can be ascertained no information has reached Richmond to the effect that Mr. C. W. Heater, president of the Board of Agriculture, would resign at the next meeting of the board, which takes place April 15th at Blacksville, Ga. Gentlemen who are prominently connected with the board stated positively last night that Mr. Heater, whose home is at Middle-town, Va., has no intention of resigning. It is true that he has been passed by the Legislature recently, which does not become effective until July 1st, but it is not probable that he will resign in the resignation of any members.

So far as the office of secretary is concerned, the recent act practically abolishes this position, which has been paid only \$100 per year, and it is needless to say that the present secretary will not stand for reelection under this act. The office of secretary will probably be filled by a member of the board.

BRYAN WAS PLEASED

Leaves City for Washington and Talks on
the Way.

After delivering his speech at the Auditorium Wednesday night, William Jennings Bryan, accompanied by Governor Swanson, was driven directly to the Executive Mansion, where he spent the night, leaving here yesterday morning on the 3:40 train for Washington over the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway. Mr. Bryan was escorted to the train by Governor Swanson, and on his arrival at the station he was the centre of attraction. He briefly addressed the students of Randolph-Macon College at Ashland on the trip to Washington, and was enthusiastically applauded. Mr. Bryan remained greatly pleased when informed that the students had organized a political club and named it in his honor.

A gentleman who is close to the Governor informed a representative of this paper that Mr. Bryan had expressed himself as greatly pleased with the courteous treatment and warm reception accorded him by the people of Richmond.

"Cussed" and Threw Brick.

Sarah Ball, who says that she "threw the red white folks," got mean in the vicinity of her base of operations in the East End yesterday, and began getting rid of her spleen by giving a round "cussing" to one Sarah Johnson. The latter explained that she didn't relish "no such fool talk," and gave ominous signs of retaliation. Sarah Ball thereupon came up with a brick, which she wielded in the direction of her namesake with great accuracy. She was able to reach the station in fairly good shape, with the wounded one bringing up the rear and handing out a strong line of talk concerning the lawlessness of certain ladies of color.

Young But Incurable.

Exhibiting a bold and unperturbed exterior, Carroll Lands was marched into the presence of Captain Whisk last night. The boy, who is only fifteen years of age, was arrested at the request of his father, Captain Thomas Lands, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. The only articles found in his pockets were a pipe and a sack of tobacco, which he had evidently been assiduously smoking in the night. He was put to sleep in the upper story, and will probably go to the Reformatory to-day unless his parents relent.

Read Sunday's Times- Dispatch

Among the special features will be a Magazine Supplement, containing Stories, Fashions, a Children's Page, Answers to Queries, Genealogy, Confederate Letters and Narratives, a Woman's Page, a Review of Recent Books, and two pages of Colored Comics—Buster Brown and Happy Hooligan's Adventures.

The Society Section contains all the social news of Richmond and Virginia as well as many points in North Carolina. Besides Illustrations and a Foreign Society Special Cable from the Countess of Blankshire.

In addition there will appear special articles by Mr. Frederic J. Haskin and other staff correspondents, including an Illustrated Theatrical Review, by Mr. Bruce Chesterman, a Foreign Letter from Frank W. Carpenter, a story on Horses and Horsemen, by Broadrock (Mr. W. J. Carter), Practical Advice to Farmers, by Dr. Fernyhough, State Veterinarian, as well as many articles on Sports.

The Sporting Section of The Times-Dispatch is the best that can be found in the whole country.

Another interesting feature which is absolutely unique is the great Industrial Section, showing the business advantages to be found in this State and North Carolina. This section is a mercantile and manufacturing directory and a business encyclopedia of the New South.

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